

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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I write in opposition to Bill 57 (2016) CD1 that includes amendments that include the Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) request for expansion.

In the past decade, HMP has made several attempts via the State of Hawaii's Land Use Commission to move the land out of the Conservation District, the City's Koolau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan to move the Community Growth Boundary to allow for more development, and City Planning Commission to again attempt to move the Community Growth Boundary. In all three instances, based on strong community opposition and the lack of compelling reasons from HMP on the need for more burial space, the various commissions independently came to the same conclusions and all entities rejected HMP's requests.

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Now, HMP has again come to the City Council Committee on Transportation and Planning with an expansion request using the similar justifications and plans that encroach even deeper into Kaneohe hillsides in order to expand the development area for HMP. This would include stripping away hillsides without consideration or studies of the effects of such drastic and irreversible excavation work to the Kaneohe landscape.

The City Council is HMP's latest attempt to keep their expansion plans alive in order to further their business operations at the direct expense of irreversibly changing the Kaneohe landscape. This is too high of a price the community to pay for a direct, commercial benefit. For these reasons, I ask the Committee on Transportation and Planning to hold Bill 57, CD1.

Thank you.

Testimony Attachment

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